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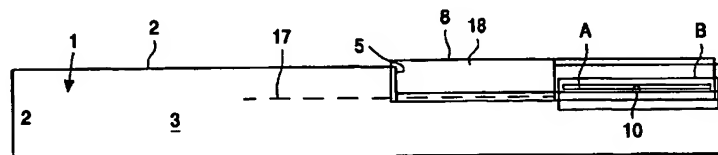
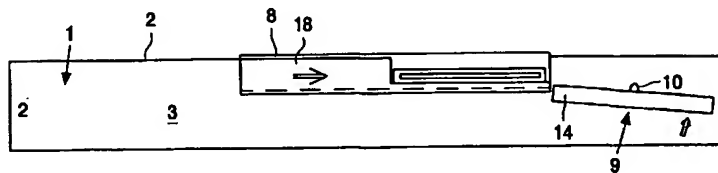
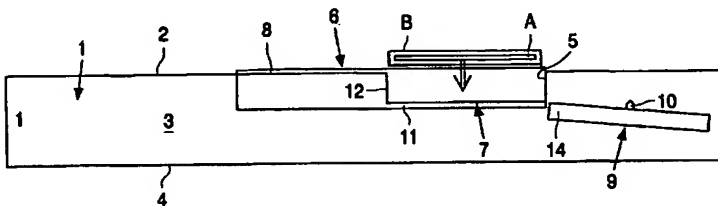
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(54) Title: DISK DRIVE UNIT HAVING A LOADING MECHANISM



(57) **Abstract:** A disk drive unit having a disk loading mechanism, comprising a housing (1) having an opening (5) in a wall thereof for inserting or removing a disk. A disk drive (9) is accommodated in the housing. A loading mechanism for receiving a disk through the opening in the housing and bringing it into engagement with the disk drive comprises a slide (6). This is slidable with respect to the housing and the disk drive between a first position for receiving a disk and a second position covering the opening and allowing the disk drive to engage the disk. The slide is slidable substantially alongside the wall of the housing in which the opening is made and is adapted to receive the disk through the opening. This leads to a robust and compact structure of the disk drive unit

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